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THE SECRET HISTORY
OF KANAN FROM

**STAR
WARS**
REBELS

FIRST BLOOD

Part III

It is a period of unrest. Fifteen years after the elimination of the Jedi Order and the fall of the Republic, Emperor Papatine now rules the galaxy with an iron fist.

Rebels have banded together to fight back. Among them is former Jedi Padawan Caleb Dume, who now goes by KANAN JARRUS. While searching for his ex-partner, Kanan is stabbed and falls unconscious, remembering his past as a Padawan.

Caleb recalls Jedi Master Depa Billaba, whose previous mission suffered major casualties, causing her to question ever leading another command. Caleb courageously helped her defend the Jedi Temple from an attack by a deadly bounty hunter. In doing so, he proved himself worthy to be Master Billaba's Padawan. Their first mission awaits....

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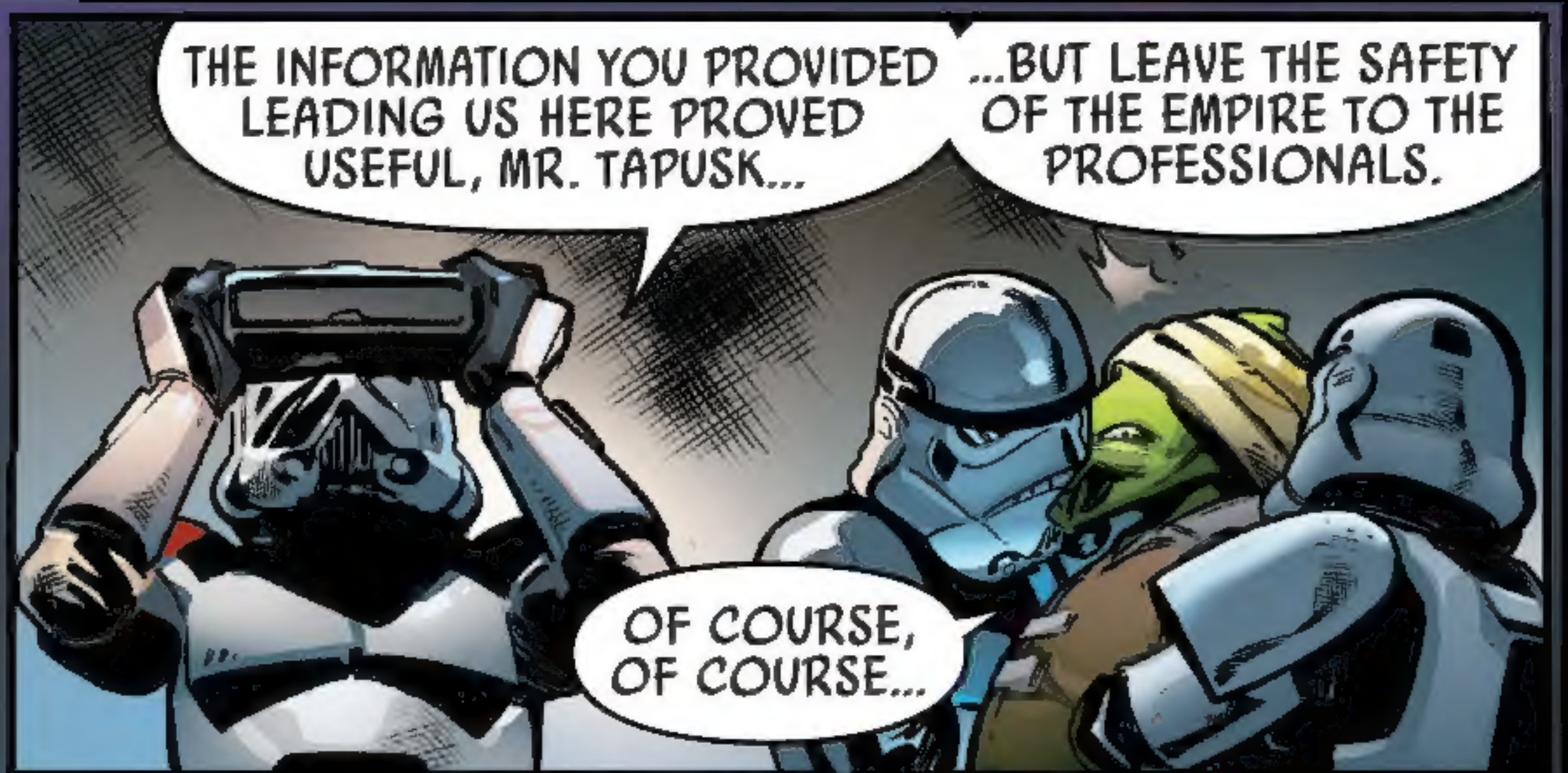


REBELS, I
REPEAT: COME
OUT NOW! THIS
IS YOUR FINAL
WARNING!



I'M THINKING
THOSE REBELS ARE
ARMED AND
DANGEROUS...

...FOR THE
SAFETY OF THE
EMPIRE, I'M
THINKING YOU
SHOULD GO IN
AND KILL
'EM ALL!



THE INFORMATION YOU PROVIDED
LEADING US HERE PROVED
USEFUL, MR. TAPUSK...

...BUT LEAVE THE SAFETY
OF THE EMPIRE TO THE
PROFESSIONALS.

OF COURSE,
OF COURSE...



NOW WHAT?
WE CAN'T LEAVE
HIM, AND WE
CAN'T MOVE
HIM.

QUESTION'S
KINDA MOOT...



...WE'RE COMPLETELY SURROUNDED.

WE ARE COMPLETELY SURROUNDED...

...THE FORCE IS EVERYWHERE, IN EVERYTHING.

IT IS IN ME. AND IT IS MOST CERTAINLY STRONG IN YOU, CALEB DUME.

YES, MASTER.

WE HAVE COME TO THE PLANET KARDOA.

IT'S MY FIRST MISSION AS PADAWAN TO MASTER DEPA BILLABA. AND FOR GENERAL BILLABA...

...IT'S HER FIRST MISSION SINCE SHE NEARLY DIED-- SPENDING SIX MONTHS IN A COMA.



GOOD
EVENING,
GENTLEMEN.

ATTENTION!

COMMANDER
GREY.

CAPTAIN
STYLES.

SERGEANT
SOOT.

CORPORAL
BIG-MOUTH.
AT EASE.



I'M READY
FOR THAT
BRIEFING,
COMMANDER.

TELL ME
ABOUT THE
MEN I'M NOW
FORTUNATE TO
COMMAND.

NOT A
LOT OF
FAMILIAR
FACES, I'M
AFRAID...

...THE FOUR OF US ARE
THE ONLY TROOPERS
REMAINING FROM YOUR
LAST COMMAND.



YES, WELL.
IT COULD
HARDLY BE
OTHERWISE.



YOU CAN'T
BLAME YOURSELF
FOR THAT,
GENERAL.

I CAN,
AND I DO.
BUT MOVE
ON.



I SCORED
US THREE OLD GUNS:
LIEUTENANT REMO
AND **CORPORALS**
MIXX AND
KAYLON...

...BUT THE
REST ARE GREENER
THAN GREEN. SOME
DON'T EVEN HAVE
NAMES YET.

FRANKLY,
THESE KIDS HAVE
NO BUSINESS
BEING OUT HERE.
BUT DESPERATE
TIMES...

PRETTY
SURE HE'S
INCLUDING
YOU, KID.

DON'T
CALL ME
KID.



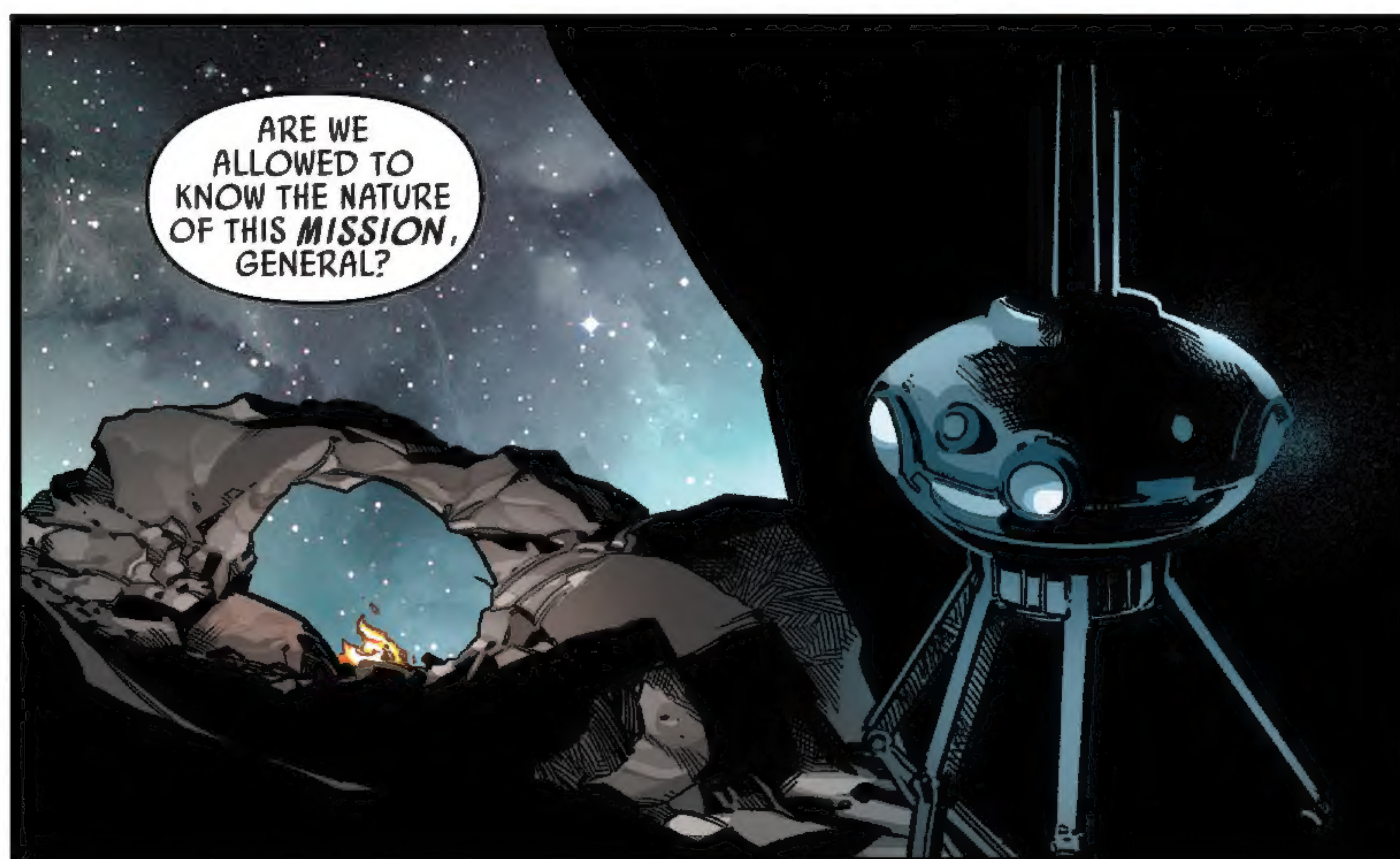
HEY, NO
OFFENSE. HERE,
KID, HAVE SOME
MELON.

A **MEILOORUN**?
I DIDN'T THINK
THEY GREW ON
KARDOA.



THEY DON'T, BUT
SOMEHOW BIG-MOUTH
GETS HIS MITTS ON ONE
NO MATTER WHERE
WE'RE POSTED.

WHAT
CAN I SAY?
IT'S A
GIFT.



ARE WE
ALLOWED TO
KNOW THE NATURE
OF THIS **MISSION**,
GENERAL?



SIMPLE
RECON...

"...TO CONFIRM OR REFUTE REPORTS OF A SEPARATIST PRESENCE ON KARDOA."

WELL, I'D SAY REPORTS OF A REPUBLIC PRESENCE ON KARDOA ARE OFFICIALLY CONFIRMED.

THEY'VE SENT A BATTALION LED BY A JEDI MASTER.

THEN, GENERAL KLEEVE, THAT JEDI MUST DIE.

YOUR OBSESSION WITH THE ORDER IS A DISTRACTION...

...WHILE IT IS UNFORTUNATE THE JEDI ARE ON THE WRONG SIDE OF THIS RIGHTEOUS CONFLICT--

NO OTHER SIDE EXISTS FOR THE JEDI BUT THE WRONG ONE!

BE THAT AS IT MAY, THIS PARTICULAR JEDI-- MASTER DEPA BILLABA-- IS HARDLY A THREAT.

OUR INTELLIGENCE IDENTIFIES HER AS A FAILED COMMANDER, A LIABILITY TO THE REPUBLIC.

IN FACT, ACCORDING TO THIS, YOU YOURSELF FACED HER ON HARUUN KAL...

...WHERE YOU DECIMATED HER TROOPS AND VERY NEARLY ENDED HER LIFE.



I SEE NO REASON TO RISK ENGAGEMENT ON KARDOA...

...WHERE WE HAVE NO ARMIES AND NOTHING AT STAKE.



BUT DO WHAT YOU WILL.

I HAVE ORDERS FROM **COUNT DOOKU** TO LEAD THE CONQUEST OF **KALLER**.

FAREWELL, GENERAL. COLONEL.



I, MYSELF, AM DUE ON **MYGEETO**.

BUT I AM RELUCTANT TO LEAVE EVEN A DAMAGED JEDI ALIVE.



PERHAPS THE SOLUTION LIES WITH YOU, **COLONEL SEAR**.

AND PERHAPS THAT WOULD MITIGATE THE FAILURE OF YOUR LATE BROTHER.

I AM ALWAYS AT YOUR SERVICE, GENERAL...

"...YOU MAY DEPART FOR **MYGEETO**, KNOWING **COBURN SEAR** HAS THE SITUATION IN HAND."



DAWN ON
KARDOA...



...I AWAKEN
REFRESHED AND
EXCITED FOR MY
FIRST MILITARY
OPERATION--

GENERAL
BILLABA!

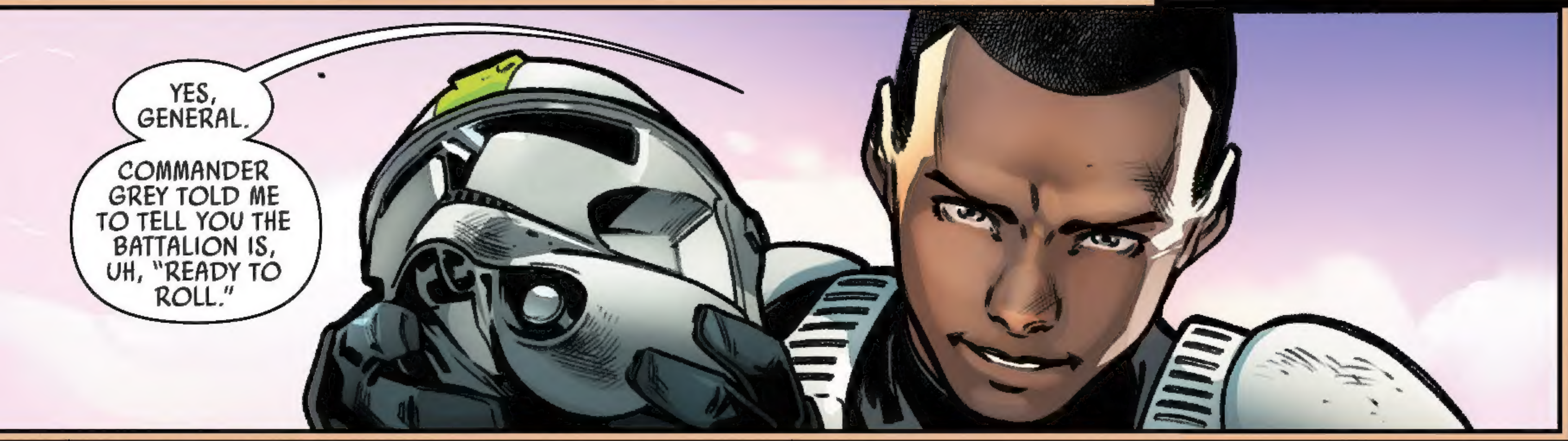


YES,
AND YOU
ARE...?

TROOPER
C.T. DASH 1157,
SIR! I MEAN,
MA'AM!
I MEAN--

MAKE
YOUR REPORT,
TROOPER. BUT,
PLEASE, TAKE OFF
YOUR HELMET...

...I LIKE
TO KNOW THE
FACES OF THE
MEN UNDER MY
COMMAND.



YES,
GENERAL.

COMMANDER
GREY TOLD ME
TO TELL YOU THE
BATTALION IS,
UH, "READY TO
ROLL."



THEN
LET'S
ROLL.



MOVE
OUT!

THE
BATTALION
IS SPLIT.

FIVE SQUADS--
LED BY MASTER
BILLABA, GREY,
STYLES, REMO AND
SOOT--RECON
FIVE CANYONS.

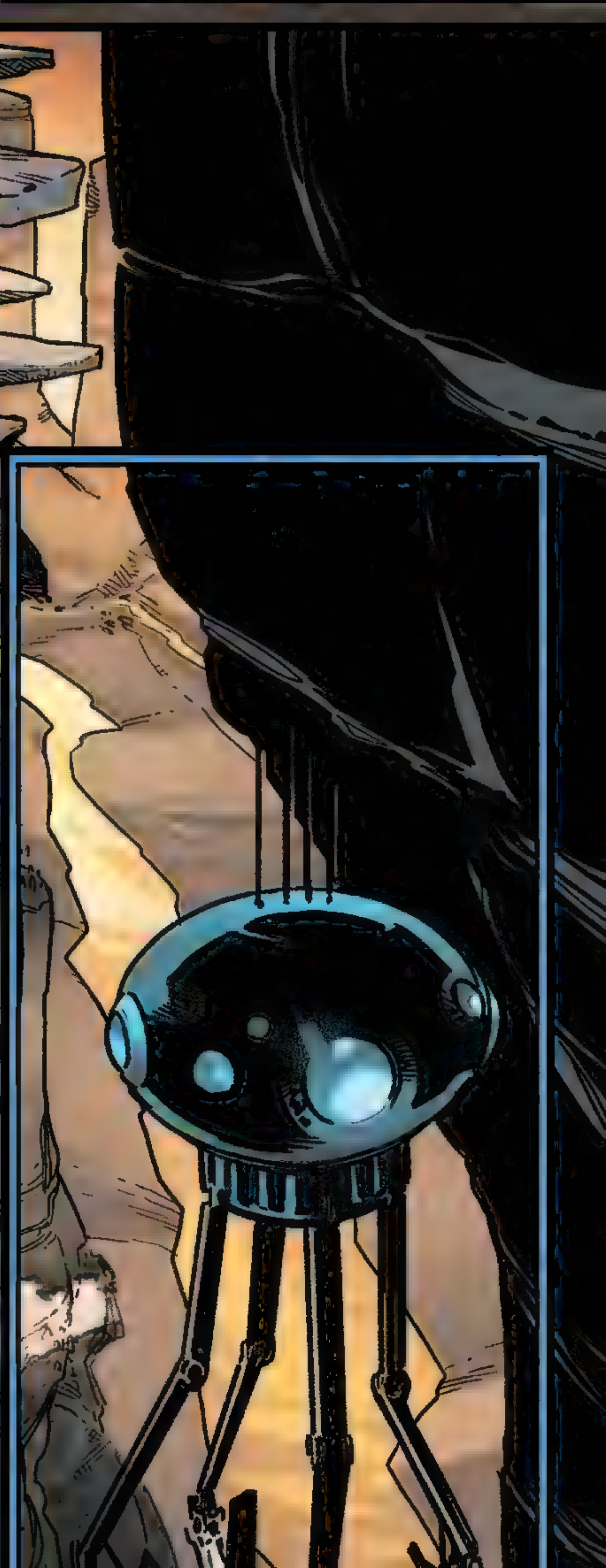
MY MASTER'S
KEEPING ME ON A
SHORT LEASH,
BUT I'M OKAY
WITH THAT...

SHE
KEEPING YOU
ON A SHORT
LEASH?

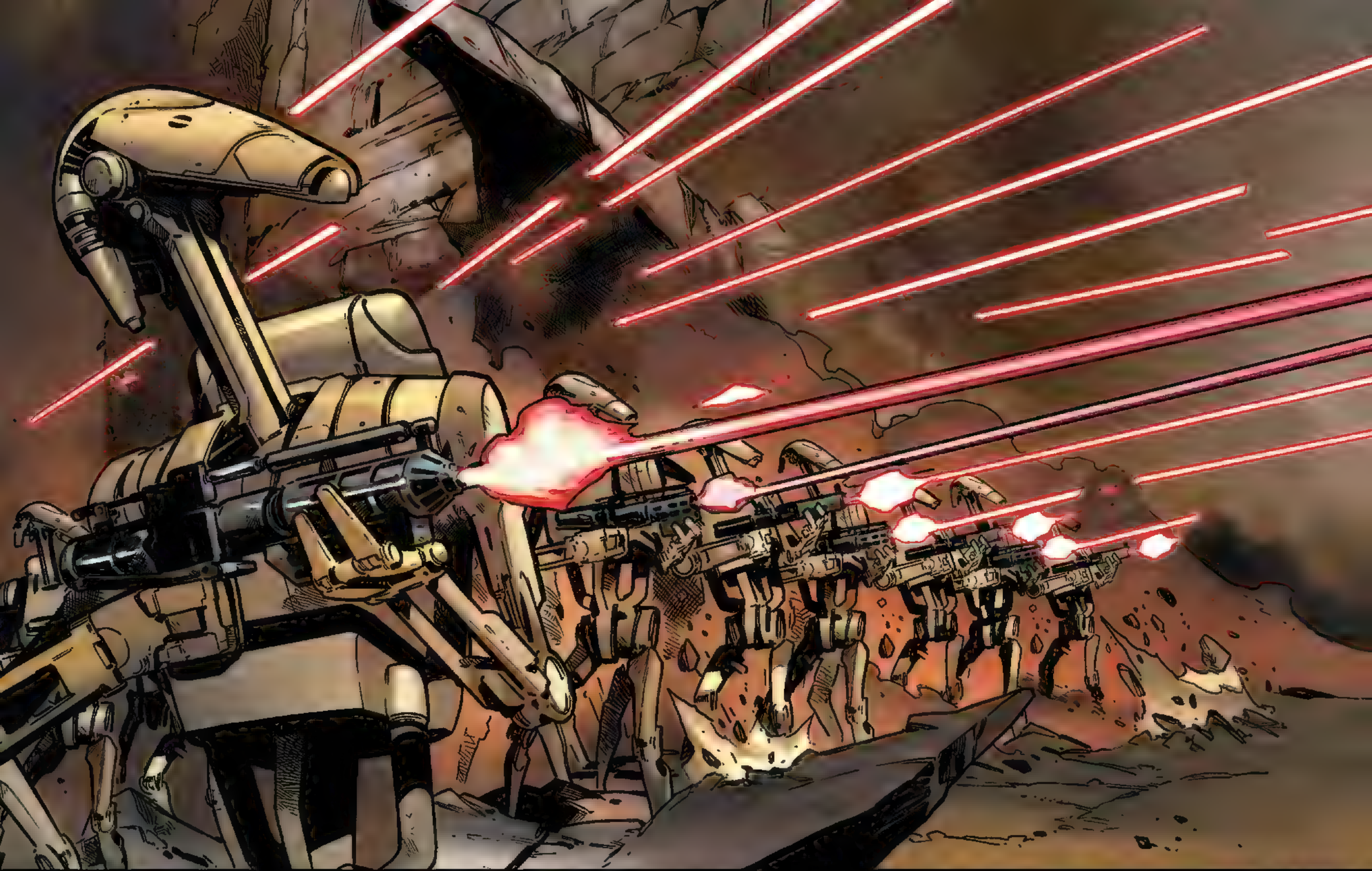
WHAT?!
NO!

HEY, IT'S
OKAY. BIG-MOUTH
HAS ME ON A LEASH
SO SHORT, I CAN
COUNT HIS NOSTRIL
HAIRS.

"YOU GREEN
KIDS HAVE NO
BUSINESS BEING
OUT HERE!"



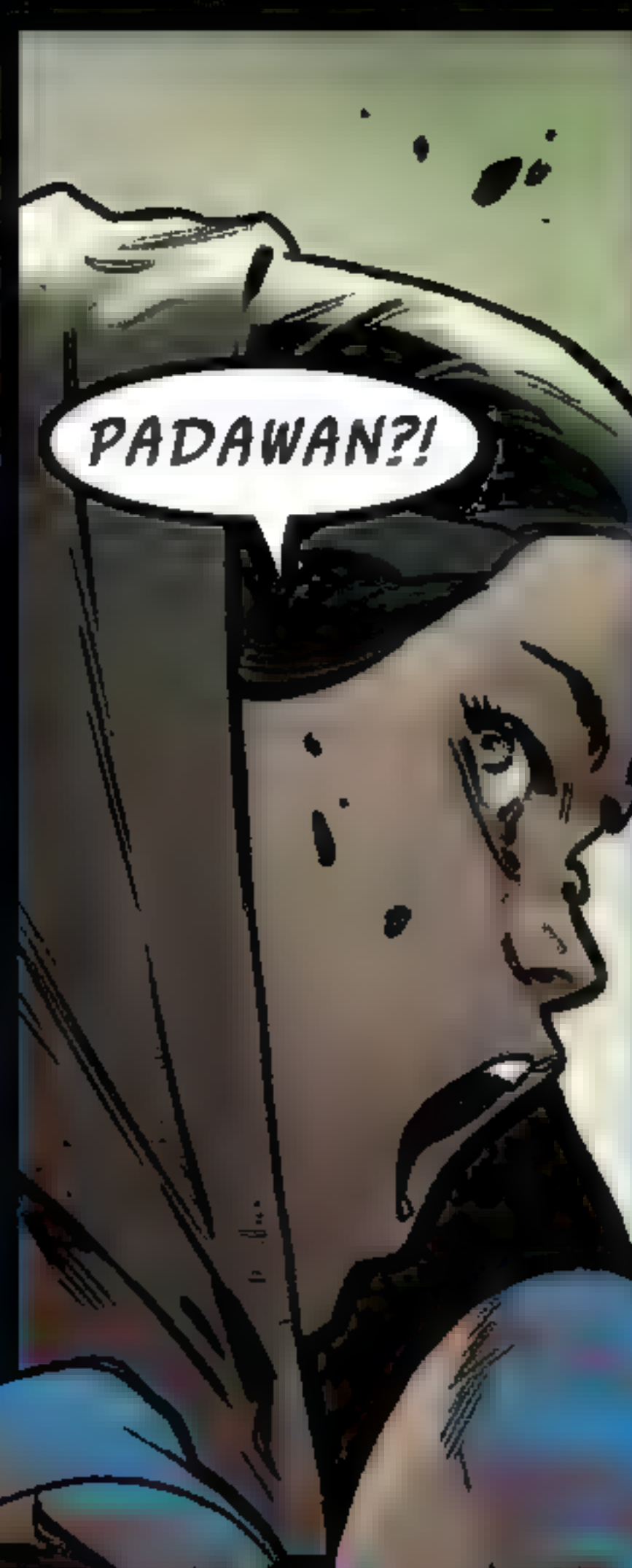




TRAIL'S GONE.
THERE'S NO
RETREAT.

CONTACT THE OTHER
SQUADS AND CALL IN
AIR SUPPORT.

ROGER
THAT.



PADAWAN?!



I'M
ALL RIGHT,
MASTER!

AND I AM.
I SHOULD BE
SCARED. BUT
INSTEAD...



I'M
EXHILARATED!



KID'S DOIN' NOT-BAD.

BZZ-KCCCHT-ROGER-RZZZLE

HE'S RECKLESS, BUT RECKLESS MAY BE EXACTLY WHAT WE NEED RIGHT NOW.

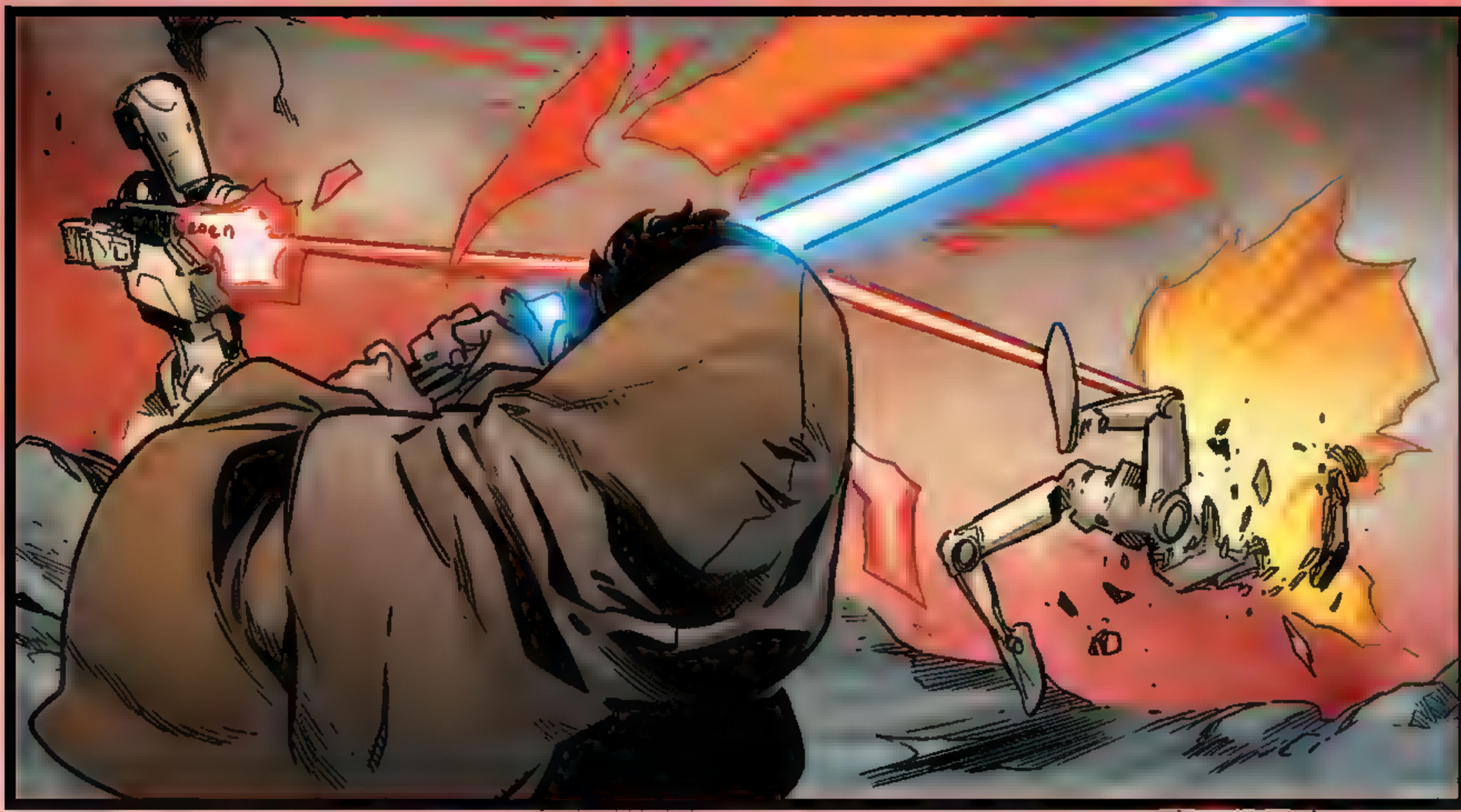
K-ZAK

BZAK

OUR SIGNAL'S BEING JAMMED. NO SUPPORT IS IMMINENT OR LIKELY.

THEN, CORPORAL, YOU AND THE PADAWAN MUST KEEP THEM OCCUPIED HERE.

FULLY ENGAGED. UNDERSTOOD?
UNDERSTOOD, GENERAL.

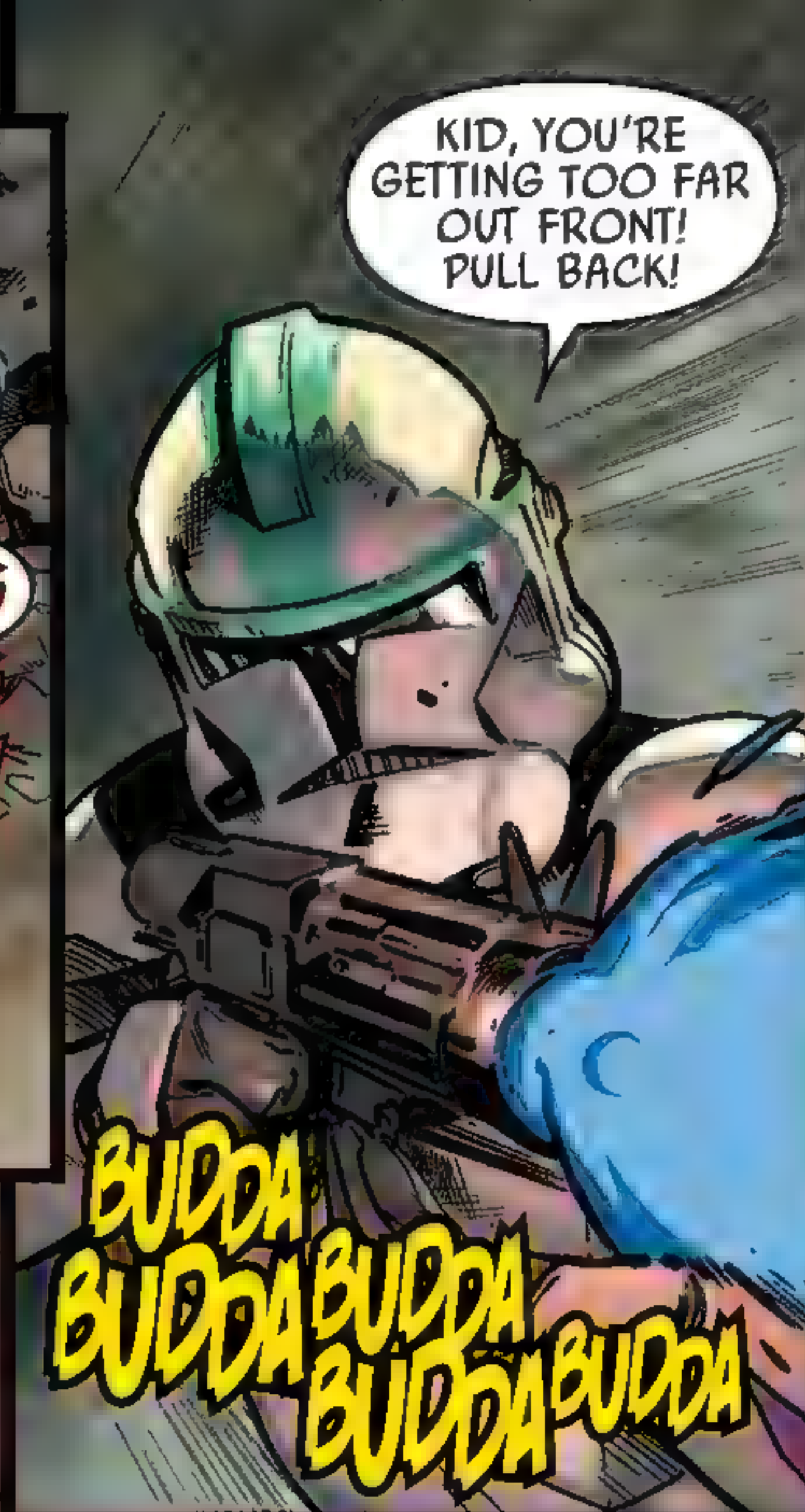




ZAK KZAK

ZING

AGGHHH



KID, YOU'RE GETTING TOO FAR OUT FRONT! PULL BACK!

**BUDDA
BUDDA
BUDDA
BUDDA**



I'M FINE!

BETTER THAN FINE.

AND STOP CALLING ME--



KIIAAAAAGGHHHHHHHH



PAIN. PAIN
LIKE I'VE...
NEVER FELT...
BEFORE...

BUT I'M
TRAINED
FOR THIS...



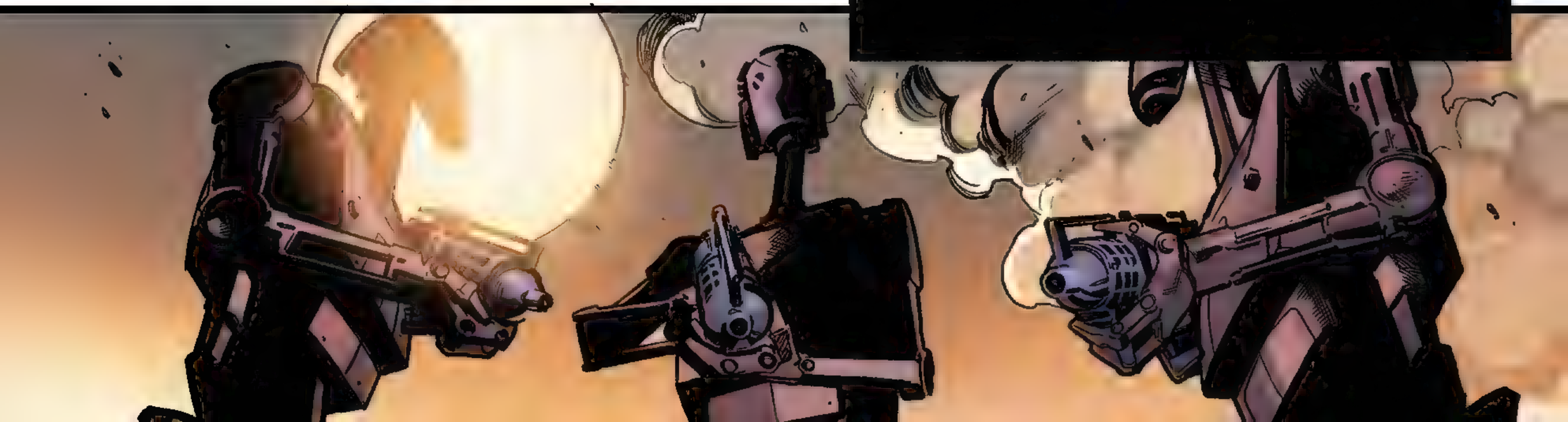
I CAN
RISE ABOVE
THE PAIN...

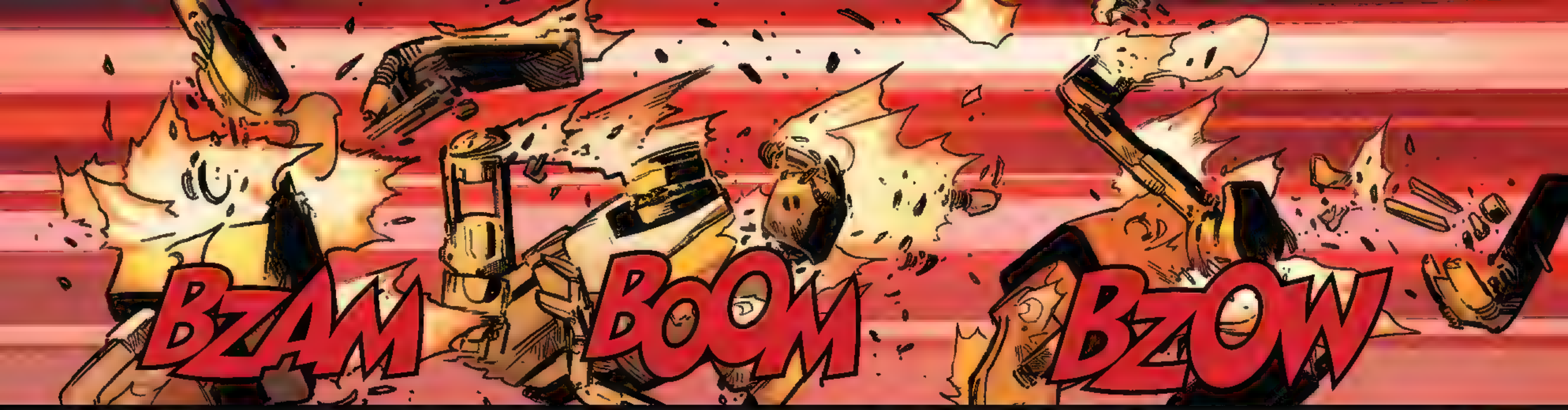


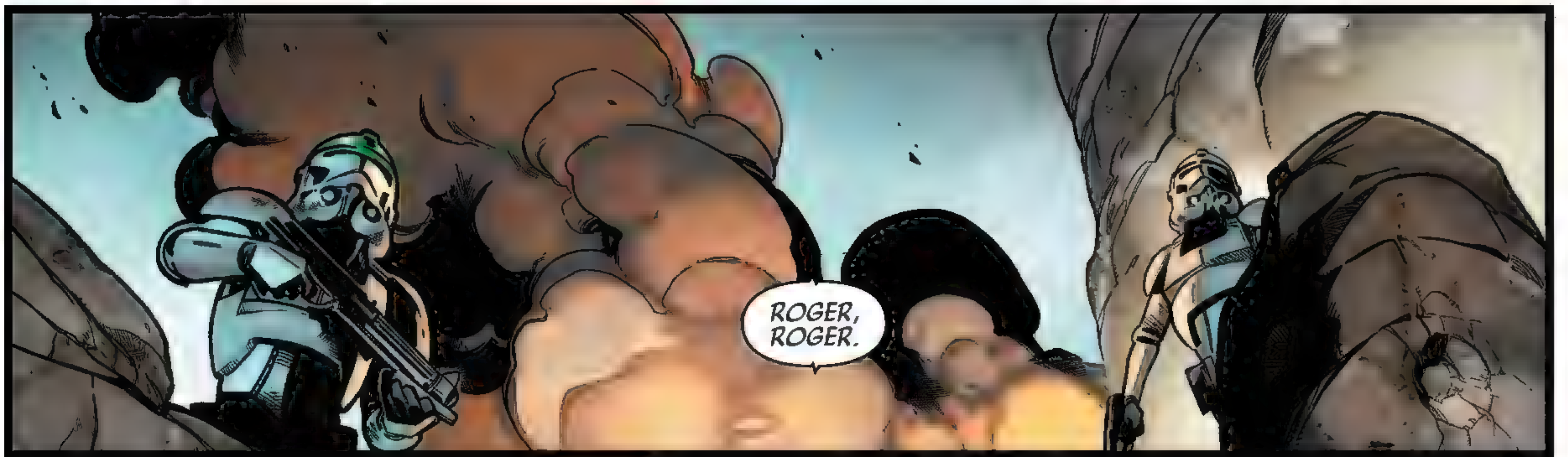
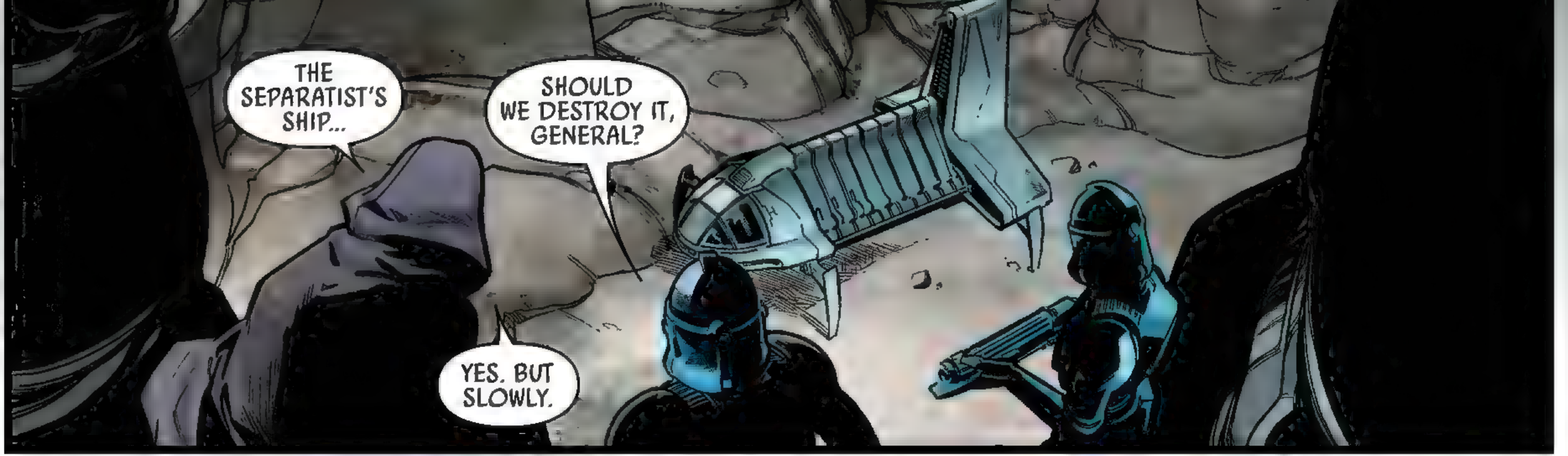
NOT LEAVE
MYSELF...



VULNERABLE...







ALL IN ALL, IT
WAS A PRETTY
GOOD DAY...

MASTER BILLABA
"CONVINCED" THE
SEPARATISTS TO
DEPART KARDOA.

I SURVIVED
MY FIRST BATTLE--
MORE OR LESS.

1157 WON A
COMMENDATION
FOR VALOR. AND
A NAME: STANCE.

AND THE
BATTALION
RECEIVED ITS NEXT
ASSIGNMENT:
MYGEETO.



APOLOGIES,
SIR. THE JEDI
SURVIVED.

I AM NEITHER
PLEASED NOR
SURPRISED,
COLONEL...

...CLEARLY,
I'LL HAVE TO
DEAL WITH HER
MYSELF.

AS YOU
WISH, GENERAL
GRIEVOUS.

FIRST BLOOD

CHAPTER THREE:

THE CANYONS OF KARDOA

To be
continued....

KANAN NEXT ISSUE!



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is a lot easier to get to than you think –
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